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Press Release

The Party Leaders' meeting of the constituent parties of the Tamil National Alliance took place at 5 p.m. on 2nd November 2018 and arrived at the following decisions concerning the actions taken by President Maithripala Sirisena on Friday, the 26th of October after the Parliamentary sessions concluded for that day:

1. According to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the President does not possess the authority to remove a Prime Minister who is in office. Such authority that vested in the President previously was specifically repealed by the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. In these circumstances the Gazette notification declaring that the Prime Minister had been removed and another Prime Minister appointed are unconstitutional and illegal.
2. The Tamil National Alliance also considers the President's decision to prorogue Parliament made following the above actions as undemocratic and in violation of Parliamentary Supremacy. After having declared as Prime Minister a Member who does not command the confidence of Parliament, this had been done in order to create delay and prevent such Member from having to prove a majority in Parliament. The Tamil National Alliance strongly condemns and opposes the undemocratic efforts to use such delay to bribe Members of Parliament with both money and Ministerial posts to induce them to cross over in order to fraudulently obtain a majority in Parliament. We strongly oppose and condemn Tamil National Alliance Member of Parliament S. Viyalendran being a part of this conspiracy. Necessary action will be taken against him immediately.
3. For the above reasons, the Tamil National Alliance will vote in support of the No Confidence Motion to be brought against the Government headed by Mahinda Rajapaksa, who has been unconstitutionally and illegally appointed as Prime Minister. Remaining "neutral" in such a situation, would pave the way for achieving an undemocratic end by force.